

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
PEDESTRIAN WORKING GROUP

Thursday, April 29, 1999
MAG Office Building, Suite 700 - Valley Metro Conference Room
302 North First Avenue, Phoenix

MEMBERS ATTENDING

*Michael Branham, Surprise, Chair
Bruce Meyers, Arizona Department of
Administration
Michael Eagan for Jeff Sargent, American
Society of Landscape Architects
Mickey Ohland, Chandler
*Tami Ryall, Gilbert
Richard Janke, Glendale
Aaron Iverson, Maricopa County

Steve Hancock, Mesa
*Tracy Stevens, Peoria
Lorry Kuiper, Phoenix Planning Department
Ben Leonard for Mark Melnychenko, Phoenix
Transit
Maureen Mageau-DeCindis, RPTA
*Deborah Astin, Scottsdale
Eric Iwersen, Tempe

*Members neither present nor represented by proxy.

OTHERS PRESENT

Dawn Coomer, MAG

Jim Coffman, The Planning Center

1. Call to Order

Acting Chairman Steve Hancock called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

2. Call to the Audience

No member of the audience wished to address the Working Group.

3. Approval of the April 9, 1999 Meeting Minutes

Eric Iwersen moved to approve the minutes of April 9, 1999. Aaron Iverson seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Update on Transportation Review Committee Activities

Steve Hancock, Pedestrian Working Group representative to the Transportation Review Committee provided an update on items discussed at the last TRC meeting. He noted that the Pedestrian Design Assistance was on the consent agenda for information, and that a status report of the Central Phoenix/East Valley Rail study was provided. An upcoming Park and Ride study will probably have a Pedestrian Working Group

representative as a stakeholder. Eric added that Tempe is working on transit oriented design guidelines in relation to the rail study.

4. Update of the Pedestrian Plan

Jim Coffman provided an update of various elements of the Pedestrian Plan. He reviewed the format of the final report and distributed a revised list of goals, objectives and policies with prioritized action and support items. Jim added that Working Group and stakeholder input had been integrated with the revised list. Some objectives would have additional policies (action and support items) added later.

After extensive discussion, the Working Group decided to change the goals, objectives and policies as follows:

- ▶ “As a viable mode of transportation” should be added to the plan purpose.
- ▶ “High” should be changed to “short-term” for policies to be accomplished in the next 1-2 years. “Medium” should be changed to “mid-term” for policies to be accomplished in the next two to five years. “Low” should be changed to “long-term” for policies to be implemented in five or more years.
- ▶ Re-order the goals to reflect priorities. Goal 3 becomes goal 1; goals 5 and 6 are combined to become goal 2; goal 1 becomes goal 3; goal 2 becomes goal 4, and goal 4 becomes goal 5.
- ▶ Policies should be re-listed in priority order.
- ▶ Definitions of the terms “Roadside Pedestrian Condition” and “Pedestrian Latent Demand” should be clarified before this chapter is read.
- ▶ Objectives 1.2 and 1.4 should be listed first under goal 1 (new goal 3). Objective 1.1 should be listed third.
- ▶ Objective 3.2 needs to include more on site design and land use.
- ▶ These goals and objectives need to be integrated into general plan updates underway in various agencies.
- ▶ Some policies were identified as on-going, including 1.1.1, 1.1.3, 1.3.1, 1.3.2, 1.5.1, 1.7.1, 2.1.1, 2.1.4, 4.1.1, 4.1.2, 4.1.3, 4.2.1, 4.4.1, 5.2.6, 5.3.1, 5.4.2, 6.1 and 6.2.
- ▶ Change Objective 1.3 to read: “Provide a full-time staff position to oversee pedestrian programs and facilities to maximize pedestrian potential in all planning and development projects.”
- ▶ Identify key words for the goals
 - Goal 1: Funding
 - Goal 2: Design
 - Goal 3: Land Use
 - Goal 4: Linkage
 - Goals 5 & 6: Awareness
- ▶ Policy 2.1.2 should be “short-term.”, as should policy 5.2.2.

5. Future Agenda Items

Future agenda items discussed by staff included providing comments on the Enhancement Fund applications jointly with the Regional Bicycle Task Force and meeting again in late June to discuss the

Pedestrian Plan. Items suggested by the Working Group included having presentations on the Central Phoenix/East Valley rail study, and on the Park and Ride Lot Study.

6. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting was set for June 17, 1999 at 1:00 p.m. A stakeholders meeting will follow.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:32 p.m.